

ENID AND HER EMINENCE.

LOCATION, SUPERIOR NATURAL ADVANTAGES AND HER COMMERCIAL AND MATERIAL GROWTH.

Is the County Seat, U. S. Land Office. Unlimited Supply of Good Water. The Industry and Enterprise of Her People.

The Canvas Tent Gives Place to the Solid Structure. Surrounding Lands. Some Mention of Leading Business Houses and Principal Professional Men.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ENID, O. T., Oct. 21.—This city impresses people that come here as one of the best towns that ever was built in any new country. The location is splendid, being far enough from any large point of commercial importance to guarantee every purchaser a handsome return for every dollar invested here. The town from the very opening day has moved onward and upward in point of value. There is nothing to mar the growth of the town except the rate of speed at which the trains run through our city limits. But we have borne this manfully, and every one has acted cool-headed in this matter, knowing that time would bring all things right. Each and all feel satisfied that when the men whose money the Rock Island railroad represents know the true condition of affairs (and which they are fast finding out) all things will be made right and we will be given every advantage that any other city of like commercial importance enjoys. When we speak of Enid we mean a place where the United States land office is located, where the postoffice is located, and a town that is full of good people working six days out of every week to build right here one of the best towns in all Oklahoma.

Enid has an abundance of good, pure water, both wells and natural springs, which flow free to every passerby.

The town of Enid has sufficient advantages to capture almost every person who comes here seeking a good location to do business of any description, and many good solid firms have located in this place. It is really an amazing sight to one not familiar with the growth and changes that take place in new countries to witness the canvas tents giving way to solid, substantial houses. Enid is the point where just such business is going on without abatement. It is located in a splendid agricultural district, in the midst of the "dollar-and-a-half" farmers, where several thousand farmers in their next few years will have proved up on their claims and be living in peace and plenty.

Enid has one great advantage, and that is that the people who have settled in this land district have come to make immediate settlement and to begin actual improvement upon their lands. In other words, "they have come to stay," and before snow flies one will see thousands of acres of green wheat peeping above the ground, where only a few short months ago the wild Texas steer was claiming that one hundred and sixty acres was just about enough for him to turn around on. These farmers knew that this land was just as good as the \$2.50 land, and furthermore, they knew that such a great per cent of the people were thinking the same way that he who expected to hold his farm in this district had better go home, sell what growing crops he had, and prepare to come to his claim and hold it down both summer and winter, until Uncle Sam says "It is enough; here is your deed."

Day after day wagons pass through, loaded with the household goods of people going to their claims, and every day in this place true growth is better and better. The merchants say that they are doing an excellent business in all lines.

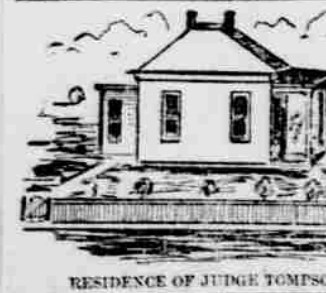
The city is equipped with a splendid set of officers all round, both federal and municipal. The postmaster, Mr. Patterson, is courteous to all, and untiring in his line of duty. The general class of merchants and professional men is second to none anywhere. Among the many we are acquainted with, we will mention a few and the business they are engaged in.

Davidson & Case, the lumbermen, have their general office in Wichita, but have yards all over the Oklahoma country. They are wide-awake men, and are as good hustlers after business as there is in any country.



MERCHANTS BANK.

The Merchants' bank (J. G. Bright, president; D. O. Hills, vice president, and C. A. Bright, cashier) was the first bank to open for business here. The capital stock is \$25,000. The directors are all home men, and the bank started off with a good business.

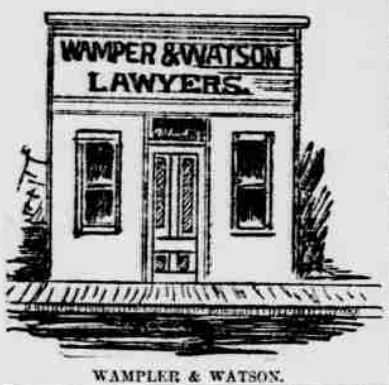


RESIDENCE OF JUDGE TOMPSON.

J. W. Tompson is the probate judge. Mr. Tompson is a genuine Kentucky gentleman, but for the past year and a half lived in El Reno, O. T. Everyone speaks of the judge in complimentary terms. He was the first man to erect a frame residence, and he is now comfortably fixed in his new home.

John C. Moore is an attorney-at-law. Mr. Moore is the Democratic nominee for mayor, and is right after the Rock Island road for depot privileges.

Of Wampler & Watson, lawyers, the first named of the firm has won quite a number of famous cases in this western country. These gentlemen had the first



WAMPLER & WATSON.

frame law office. It was the first painted and first papered law office in Enid.

Your correspondent met Judge John L. McAtee of Caldwell on the streets here today, and he informed us that he is going to open an office here. It is really encouraging to hear that such men as he are coming to live among us. The judge is a scholar, an excellent lawyer and a splendid citizen.



F. R. EARLIN.

F. R. Earlin has a wholesale and retail liquor house. Simmons & Finney, attorneys and counselors at law, have opened an office over the Stock Exchange bank. Mr. Simons has a very extensive acquaintance in southern Kansas. Mr. Finney is from Kansas City, Mo.



BANK OF ENID.

The Bank of Enid is one of the strong concerns of the city. It is nicely located at the southwest corner of the public square. George Thels is president; C. F. Herbst, vice president, and H. D. Sykes, cashier. The stockholders are a lot of good substantial men.

J. W. Cleveland, attorney-at-law, is a member of the territorial council from the First District. Mr. Cleveland was formerly of Guthrie, where he enjoyed a good land office practice.



BARBOCK HARDWARE COMPANY.

The Barbock hardware company is the style of a firm engaged in this business on the north side of the square. Mr. George Barbock was formerly of Edmond, O. T. Mr. Shields is a former Kansas City man. George Laing, the old reliable of Kingfisher, is here with an office on the "Midway." Mr. Laing enjoys probably the most extensive acquaintance of any lawyer in Oklahoma.

The Cherokee Pharmacy, Mr. Edwards, manager, has a nice stock on the south side of the square.



DAN RYAN.

Dan Ryan—well, everybody knows him. If you don't, when you see a big lion lying down in front of a building south of the square—that's his place.

Lobdell & Ferguson are lawyers. Mr. Lobdell was formerly of Dighton, Kan.

and Mr. Ferguson is from Kingfisher, where he has yet considerable interests. Mr. E. Colton is one of the attorneys who came here from the north. He has his office in the O County bank building. Mr. Colton is a clever gentleman, and is interested in seeing the town go to the front.



Rouse, Rakestraw & Kemp, real estate and civil engineers, is the style of a firm consisting of C. D. Rouse, J. V. Rakestraw and D. F. Kemp. It is the pioneer real estate firm of the city. They opened the first real estate office, built the first business building, and, up to date, Mr. Rakestraw has built the finest residence in this prosperous city. They have just completed a two-story building, 48x75 feet, a cut of which accompanies this sketch. This so far is the most substantial and commodious building in the city. On the first floor of this building are two elegant storerooms, occupied by a grocery stock and a large hardware store. On the second floor are well appointed offices and the United States federal court room. They have also built several other business blocks in the city. This firm does a general real estate business, buying and selling lots and claims; building and renting business and residence houses, and also doing general engineering work. They are genuine business men from the word go, and are in Enid to stay.



COLLINS & ROSE.

Messrs. Collins & Rose have formed a co-partnership, and have built one of the nicest office buildings in the territory. The townsite board has offices in this building. Mr. Collins is one of the board of county commissioners and is a clever gentleman, too.

Among the many grocery houses is the old reliable firm of Murphy, Carroll & Brough, located on the east side of the street opposite the square. These gentlemen are sure enough Oklahoma men. They have three of the largest stores in Oklahoma—one at Enid, one at Kingfisher, and one at El Reno. Mr. Murphy is in charge here, Mr. Carroll, at El Reno, and the big fat man (Mr. Brough) at Kingfisher. They represent lots of money and they are always looking out for the best town when they embark in business.



STOCK EXCHANGE BANK.

The Stock Exchange bank, owned by H. H. Champlin & Co., has rather the most comfortable quarters as yet in the city. Its place of business is at the north corner of the square. M. W. Champlin is a banker of some experience, having been engaged for some years in the banking business at McPherson, Kan.



N. CAMPBELL, ATTORNEY.

N. Campbell, the proprietor of the above, is one of the most enterprising and substantial business men and competent attorneys in Oklahoma. Mr. Campbell was the first person to purchase a lot on the townsite of Enid, and he has one of the best equipped law, real estate, loan and insurance offices at Enid, as well as in Kingfisher, O. T. Mr. Campbell has competent attorneys associated with him at each office, and clients will find in him a person in every way worthy of their patronage.



GRANT & BERMONT.

Messrs. Grant & Bermont are here, ready to furnish all dry, dusty throats with a fine line of refreshing drinks. Beachamp & Bush, attorneys at law, have a nice frame office on the north side of the square.

Henry & Graham, lawyers, have an office in the rear of the Stock Exchange bank building. T. G. Chambers, who did some good striking from the shoulder in Topeka last winter, has opened a law office here.

Among the leading law firms of this place is the firm of Hudson & Sanford, whose office is with the Merchants' bank. Mr. Hudson, the senior member of the firm, came to Oklahoma in 1889, from Garden City, Kan. Mr. Sanford also came to Oklahoma in 1889, from Illinois. The gentlemen have been in Oklahoma City since 1890, and have been actively engaged in practice before the local land office and the interior department ever since Oklahoma opened. Mr. Sanford was for a time law clerk in the Oklahoma City land office. These gentlemen have ability and experience, and this, coupled with their reputation for honesty, should win for them an extended practice before the land office and in the courts. Both Mr. Hudson and Mr. Sanford occupied high positions at the bar at Oklahoma City, and have reason to be proud of the record they made at that place.



O. CO. BANK—E. COTTON ATTORNEY. The O. County bank, R. T. Buffington (formerly cashier of the Bank of Okemore), cashier, has a capital stock of \$25,000. The active managing local members of the bank are S. F. Spencer, R. F. Buffington and Lee Sharp, each of whom has a family, and, in addition to improving homes in the city, will each have 100 acres of land near the city, which they will improve. They came to Enid with the intention of building up a good business and growing up with the country. Their references are the Missouri National bank of Kansas City, the First National bank of El Reno and the Bank of Kingfisher. The officers of this bank embrace some of the most prominent and wealthy men of Enid and the territory.



ED HOCKADAY & CO., HARDWARE.

Conkling, Steen & Conkling are attorneys-at-law. The above gentlemen are from Kingman, Kan.

Whelan Bros., are engaged in the saloon business.

THE EL RENO FAIR.

EL RENO, O. T., Oct. 21.—[Special.]—Yesterday concluded the Canadian country fair. The crowd far exceeded those of the previous days. The racing began in the morning at 10 o'clock and lasted until sundown. The awards in the different departments were made and diplomas delivered to the fortunate exhibitors.

Mayor Hobart's request that the business houses be closed during the afternoon with a heavy and unanimous response from the banks and merchants, who attended the fair to a man, bringing their families with them.

Amongst the exhibits which carried off prizes was that of the Seger Indian Industrial school of Seger colony, fifty-five miles west of El Reno. It is attended exclusively by Cherokees and Arapahos. The children, of various ages, but all young. The work done by them, as displayed, was the result of but six months' training, and surely indicated that the Indians can accomplish wonders if they will but try. Mrs. Hoag, a very pleasant lady, one of the instructors, who was in charge, took us through this interesting department awarded out in detail the productions of the school. A large buffalo skull and horns adorned the wall, as did also a fine set of steer horns, both of which were found on the campus at an early day. Twenty-six different kinds of wood grown there, a sample of each having been brought in and placed on exhibition. The carter, breeders of various other animals proved conclusively that the Indians have made them as useful as well as ornamental. Their drawings, figures and writings compare favorably with the work of many white children with the same amount of training and better facilities.

In the Indian department there was also displayed what has been adjudged by competent critics to be the finest exhibit of genuine Indian articles ever gotten up. Only one exhibit of this kind was available space in the large tent provided for them, but in addition thereto filled their well kept tables on the grounds with ornaments and trinkets. Prices were awarded to them for the best single specified articles as well as to the ones having the nearest tie. The Indians surprised many of the ladies by keeping constantly in good order their movable home. Everything was as neat as a pin, and in place. Indeed, they were not left to wait many minutes for the inquisitive ladies to keep their hands off of the daintily arranged articles worked with beads and other materials.

The committee, in making the awards, was guided by the experience of experts who have lived and learned. Only those whose tents were furnished with natural Indian bunks, trunks and fire places were allowed to compete in the "best lot" with more advanced having to console himself with the fact that he was ahead of his brethren only in the matter of having adopted the method of fire by keeping everything in the true sense of the word first.

The red men took part in the races, and gave dances, thus giving to the visitors a pretty clear idea of their life in all its phases.

The ladies' department presented a fine appearance, with its fancy work and paintings. It is believed by all who saw the work of the ladies by keeping everything in the way of oil paintings and fancy work, that we can reasonably lay claim to artists.

After the races were over and before the crowd vacated the grand stand, President Gillett addressed the vast assembly from the judges' stand. He made a short but pointed speech, thanking everybody for the interest manifested for which he in turn received a round of applause.

NOTES. The expectations of all were more than realized. Nobody will get rich, nor did anybody expect to make a fortune out of the enterprise. The object was to have a fair in the true sense of that word, and we did have it, and will have another next year.

Not a day passed but that President Gillett and Secretary Wright were actively engaged on the grounds. So were their assistants.

J. D. S. Chalmers was at home in the Indian department, where he presided. He has made the Indian and his customs a lifelong study and can without reference call the name of as well as distinguish each and all of the innumerable articles made by the red men. He is an authority on their habits and ethics.

Postmaster Beachamp & Bush, who looked on the fair, having a corps of assistants in the Indian department. Both offices fared well. He was so well

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pleased that he wanted more fair and this morning, accompanied by his wife, he left for Chicago.

Professor C. A. Bessy, chief musician of the Tairt cavalry, Fort Reno, spent every day with his line band, and we had good music.

The diplomas given to the winners in the various departments were turned out by the Democratic printing office, and are a credit to all concerned.

The live stock and agricultural exhibit was good.

Our races were not of the country sort, but savor of the first-class—in fact, were rich.

Everybody was there.

A few fights; not serious; damage repaired.

There was one accident.

It was a howling success.

Mrs. Captain Willits and Mrs. Moffitt presided at the art exhibit.

MANHATTAN DAY AT THE FAIR.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Across an alleged chasm that never in reality existed New York and Chicago clasped hands today, and the great sister cities united their energies in making the Manhattan day celebration at the world's fair a triumphant success. Forty thousand New Yorkers had come to join in the celebration, and the day that will be a feature in the annals of the Columbian exposition.

Early this morning, as soon as the gates were opened, sightseers began to arrive in crowds, and all day long the weary gatekeepers twisted the turnstiles around and around, swelling the admissions to a handsome figure. Buffalo Bill's wild west show opened the ball at 10 o'clock, when it entered the grounds in its wild glory. The Chicago bussons followed and were succeeded by the famous Old Guard, escorted by the First regiment of the Illinois national guard.

The parade formed and again began a triumphal march through the grounds. After the parade and a luncheon, the principal exercises of the day were held, at the main entrance, embellished in letters of electric fire, was the legend, "Manhattan Day."

An elaborate display of fireworks had been prepared, and the pyrotechnic display was equal to any that has yet been seen. A procession of the floats used on Chicago day wound its way between the white buildings, ending its journey at the lake front, where the fireworks were displayed. The crush at this place was terrible. The thousands on the grounds were all endeavoring to reach a place of vantage from which the program could be best witnessed. Several people were slightly hurt in the jam, but no serious casualties occurred.

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria.

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